



**LEWIS &
CLARK**
Library System

...Delivering Possibilities

In FY 2008, the Lewis & Clark Library System:

- Delivered **1,133,800** items to libraries at no charge.
To deliver the materials using the United States Postal Service it would cost, on average, \$1.90 per item. The total would be **\$2,154,220.00!**
- Managed an automated system that facilitated the interlibrary loan of **567,120** items.
If libraries had to purchase each of these resources (average cost \$20.08/item), it would cost **\$11,387,769.60!**
- Sponsored **151** continuing education events that provided **4,904** hours of training to **1,718** library staff members.
To get this type of education and training, it could cost at least \$40 per hour for a total of price **\$196,160!**
- Devoted **4,362** consulting hours on a wide range of topics to libraries.
If the libraries had to hire consultants (average cost of \$80/hour) to provide them with this guidance, it would cost **\$348,960.00!**
- Managed a shared automation program that provided collection management for 61 libraries and made **2,263,742** items available to library patrons throughout Illinois.
Estimated cost for this service—**priceless!**

**The Lewis & Clark Library System received
\$1,082,922.88 in FY2008 from the Secretary of State. For
that investment, taxpayers received a return of more
than \$14,087,109.60!**